

# Community of Baker

Unincorporated

The unincorporated community of Baker is located on the northwest boundary of the East Mojave National Scenic Area east of Interstate 15 at Highway 127. Baker is 62 miles northeast of Barstow, 90 miles from Las Vegas. It is less than 1,000 feet in elevation with an annual rainfall of only 2 inches.

## Community Information Centers

### Chamber of Commerce

P. O. Box 131  
Baker, CA 92309  
(760) 733-4469

### Baker Visitor's Center

P. O. Box 241  
Baker, CA 92309  
(760) 733-4040

## Public Services

### Fire Department

P. O. Box 660  
Baker, CA 92309  
(760) 733-4026

### Community Services Office

73730 Baker Blvd.  
P. O. Box 590 (for mailing only)  
Baker, CA 92309  
(760) 733-4402

### Police

County Sheriff's Office  
P. O. Box 216  
Baker, CA 92309  
(760) 733-4448

## Education

The Baker Unified School District is the largest (land area) in the State of California. It serves children from Afton to Kelso/Cima area to the Nevada State line. There are K-6 grades at Mt. Pass and K-8 grades with a high school in Baker.

## Cultural and Recreation

The Baker Visitor's Center is staffed by the National Park Service and is open seven days a week. Its staff provides information to the public on Death Valley National Park and the Mojave National Preserve. They also plan activities such as tours in the Park and Preserve.

Chet Huffman Park is open to the public 24 hours a day throughout the year. The Baker Community Services Swimming Pool is open to the public seven days a week during the months of June through September. Baker is the starting point for explorers to the most diverse land in the County of San Bernardino. It is a rockhunter's dream in the Afton Canyon area for those looking for opalite, jasper, and agates of all colors. There are fire opal beds located 52 miles out via the Death Valley Highway 127 and amethyst crystals in the Kingston Mountains.

Molycorp Mine, located at Mt. Pass on Interstate 15 is the largest rare earth mine in the world. It produces huge quantities of lanthanides, cerium, neodymium, samarium, europium and gadolinium. These minerals are used in the television and petroleum industries. The Dumont Dunes are located 35 miles to the north on Highway 127. This area is a popular spot for sand buggy and off-road recreational enthusiasts. Ultra-light flying over the Dunes has become popular.

## Employers in the City:

Silver Lake Properties  
Pike's Watering Hole  
Molycorp, Inc.  
Baker Valley Unified School District  
Burger King Corp.  
Chevron Station

## Employees

115  
52  
50  
42  
28  
23

## Transportation

**AIR** Just one mile north of Baker on Highway 127 is Baker Airport. It has a 6,000-foot lit runway.

**HIGHWAY** The town is served by Highway 127 east of the Interstate 15.